

## **Capsule Summary**

### **Inventory No. WA-HAG-172**

Western Maryland Railway Complex

East of Burhans Blvd.

Washington County, MD

Ca. 1884-1956

Access: Private

**This Historic Properties Inventory is an update of an MHT State Historic Sites Inventory that was completed by Peter E. Kurtze in June of 1992.**

The Western Maryland Railway complex is located east of Burhans Boulevard in Hagerstown's second ward on the western side of the city. The 9.5-acre site includes an office building, the Roundhouse Museum, the CSX terminal building, a number of metal storage and equipment sheds, lighting towers, and the railroad bed and tracks. The roundhouse and associated repair and maintenance buildings were razed in 1999.

The Western Maryland Railway complex is significant for its association with the railroad industry in Hagerstown and throughout the region (National Register Criterion A). The railroad industry played an important role in shaping Hagerstown physically, socially, and economically in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup>. The Western Maryland Railway complex provided a significant number of jobs for the residents of Hagerstown and surrounding area. Western Maryland also improved transportation links during this period. Better transportation encouraged industrial growth in the area. This employment boost from Western Maryland and the new industries provided ample opportunities for local business growth. Retailers had a relatively well-paid group of workers to sell their wares to. The influx of new

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workers created a boom in the housing industry in Hagerstown's suburban areas during this time period.

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### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

Western Maryland Railway Complex

(MIHP update of 1992 form)

other

### 2. Location

street and number East of Burhans Blvd.

not for publication

city, town Hagerstown

vicinity

county Washington

### 3. Owner of Property

(gives names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Pennsylvania Lines LLC (see continuation sheet)

street and number 110 Franklin Road SE

telephone

city, town Roanoke

state VA

zip code 24042

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington Co. Courthouse

liber 1531

folio 1091

city, town Hagerstown

tax map 310

tax parcel 602 & 603.2

tax ID number

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District

☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District

☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER

☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

☒ Other: MHT (1992)

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	8 buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1 sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	2 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	11 objects
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			5

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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### *Description Summary:*

The Western Maryland Railway complex is located east of Burhans Boulevard in Hagerstown's second ward on the western side of the city. The 9.5-acre site includes an office building, the Roundhouse Museum, the CSX terminal building, a number of metal storage and equipment sheds, lighting towers, and the railroad bed and tracks. The roundhouse and associated repair and maintenance buildings were razed in 1999.

### *Description:*

The CSX Terminal building, circa 1950, is located very close to the main rail line on the southeast side of Burhans Blvd. The two-story, four bay building faces the tracks on its north side. This building has a concrete foundation, tan brick walls with a common bond brick pattern, metal-framed windows, and a flat roof.

A red brick office building, circa 1900, is located on the opposite side of the main rail line as the terminal building. This two-story, four bay building faces north along Burhans Boulevard just before Burhans turns south going through the underpass. This office building has segmental arches above the window openings with two sets of paired windows at the second story level of the front façade. The building has a cross-gabled roof covered with corrugated sheet metal. A light tower on its south side a metal storage shed on the north flanks the office building. Approximately 100 feet north of the office building is an equipment shed sheathed and roofed with corrugated sheet metal.

The Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum is located about 200 feet south of the terminal building on the east side of Burhans Blvd. This is a large two-story, circa 1907 brick building that is six bays wide and 10 bays deep. The southwest corner of the building has a sharp angle (about 70 degrees), while the northwest corner has an angle of about 110 degrees. A brick pilaster divides the western or front façade into two three bay sections. Four brick pilasters divide the sides of the building into five equal, two bay sections. The building has segmental arches above the window openings with 6/6 window sashes. The corrugated sheet-metal roof has a gentle pitch.

There are three small, corrugated metal sheds east of the CSX Terminal building. These are single-story buildings that are only 10 to 15 feet wide and deep. There are also two wooden light towers on the site that are constructed of creosoted timbers. These towers are about 70 feet tall and their shape is reminiscent of an oil derrick.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts	
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy	
x 1800-1899	architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government	
x 1900-1999	art	entertainment/	landscape architecture	religion	
x 2000-	commerce	recreation	law	science	
	communications	ethnic heritage	literature	social history	
	community planning	exploration/	maritime history	X	transportation
	conservation	settlement	military		other:
Specific dates	Circa 1884 – 1956	Architect/Builder	unknown		
Construction dates					
Evaluation for:					
	National Register	Maryland Register	x	not evaluated	

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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#### *Summary of Significance:*

The Western Maryland Railway complex is significant for its association with the railroad industry in Hagerstown and throughout the region (National Register Criterion A). The railroad industry played an important role in shaping Hagerstown physically, socially, and economically in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup>. The Western Maryland Railway complex provided a significant number of jobs for the residents of Hagerstown and surrounding area. Western Maryland also improved transportation links during this period. Better transportation encouraged industrial growth in the area. This employment boost from Western Maryland and the new industries provided ample opportunities for local business growth. Retailers had a relatively well-paid group of workers to sell their wares to. The influx of new workers created a boom in the housing industry in Hagerstown's suburban areas during this time period.<sup>1</sup>

#### *Resource History:*

The Western Maryland Railway complex was once much larger than it is today. The original 47-acre site developed over a period between 1884 and 1940. Western Maryland moved its division repair shops to this Hagerstown site in 1906.<sup>2</sup> Construction of the roundhouse and associated maintenance buildings continued for about two decades. The main structure in the complex consisted of a, circa 1904, 25-stall steam locomotive

<sup>1</sup> Paula S. Reed. "Railroad Heritage Context Report"

<sup>2</sup> Peter E. Kurtze. "1992 Maryland Historic Sites Inventory Form, WA-HAG-172"

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roundhouse with a 165-degree arc and 220-foot radius. There was also a transfer table, two large erecting and repair buildings, and an office building.<sup>3</sup> The 14 bay erecting shop was added to the south of the roundhouse in 1907. This shop was constructed of brick with pilaster walls and an iron-truss roof. The 10 bay repair shop was added to the complex in 1913. There was a coaling station located approximately 150 east of the present day terminal building. This station was eventually replaced with fuel oil tanks reflecting the changes in technology that help transform the railroads. The Hagerstown repair shops were closed in the 1970s when the Chessie System purchased the Western Maryland line and move the maintenance functions to Cumberland Maryland.

The 9.5-acre Western Maryland Railway Complex today (2003) contains some large buildings such as the CSX Terminal building, the Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum, and an old office building, but the majority of the buildings are small unimposing storage and equipment sheds that probably date from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Note: For Historical Context please refer to *A Transportation History of Mid-Maryland*, a Maryland Historical Trust grant funded context development project administered through The Catocin Center for Regional Studies, 2002-2003.**

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<sup>3</sup> Peter E. Kurtze. "1992 Maryland Historic Sites Inventory Form, WA-HAG-172"

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. WA-HAG-172

Kurtze, Peter E. "1992 Maryland Historic Sites Inventory Form, WA-HAG-172"

Reed, Paula S. "Railroad Heritage Context Report." Hagerstown, MD: 1992.

### Maps:

Lake, Griffing and Stevenson. Illustrated Atlas of Washington County, 1877. Philadelphia: H.J. Trudy, 1877.

### Photographs:

Railroad Ties: Industry and Culture in Hagerstown, Maryland. Ed. Susan Levitas, Crownsville, MD: MHT Press, 1994

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 9.485

Acreage of historical setting 47

Quadrangle name Hagerstown, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:2400

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property being inventoried includes all of Parcels #602 and #603.2 as described in Washington County Land Records Liber 1531, Folio 1091 and all of Parcel #603.1 in Liber 1158, Folio 138. The nominated area contains the remaining buildings associated with the inventory of the Western Maryland Railway Complex completed by Peter E. Kurtze in June, 1992.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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organization Paula S. Reed and Associates, Inc.

date April 29, 2003

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state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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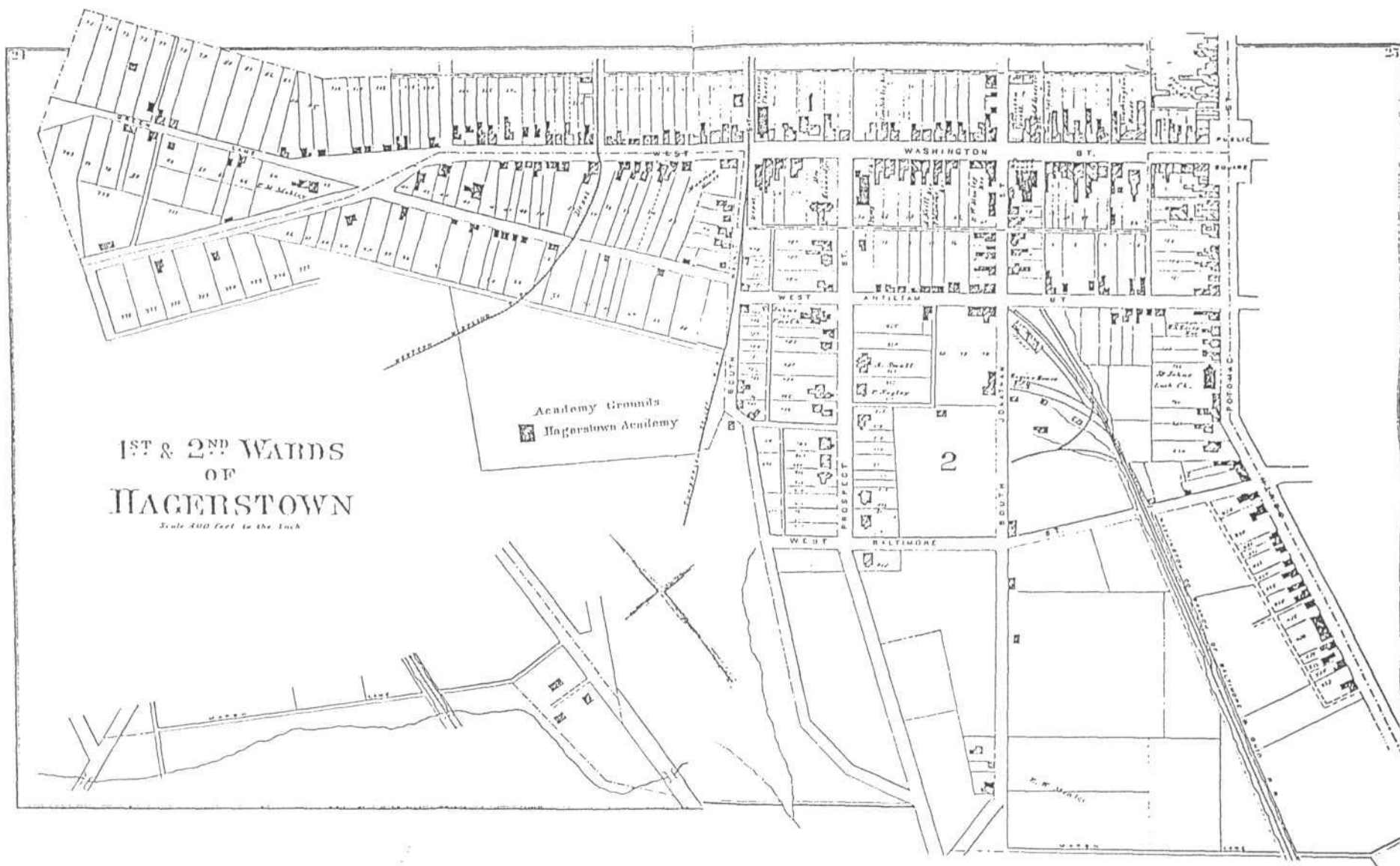
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Bowman Baker LLC  
10228 Governor LN Blvd.  
Williamsport, MD 21795

Parcel 603.1, Liber 1158, Folio 138



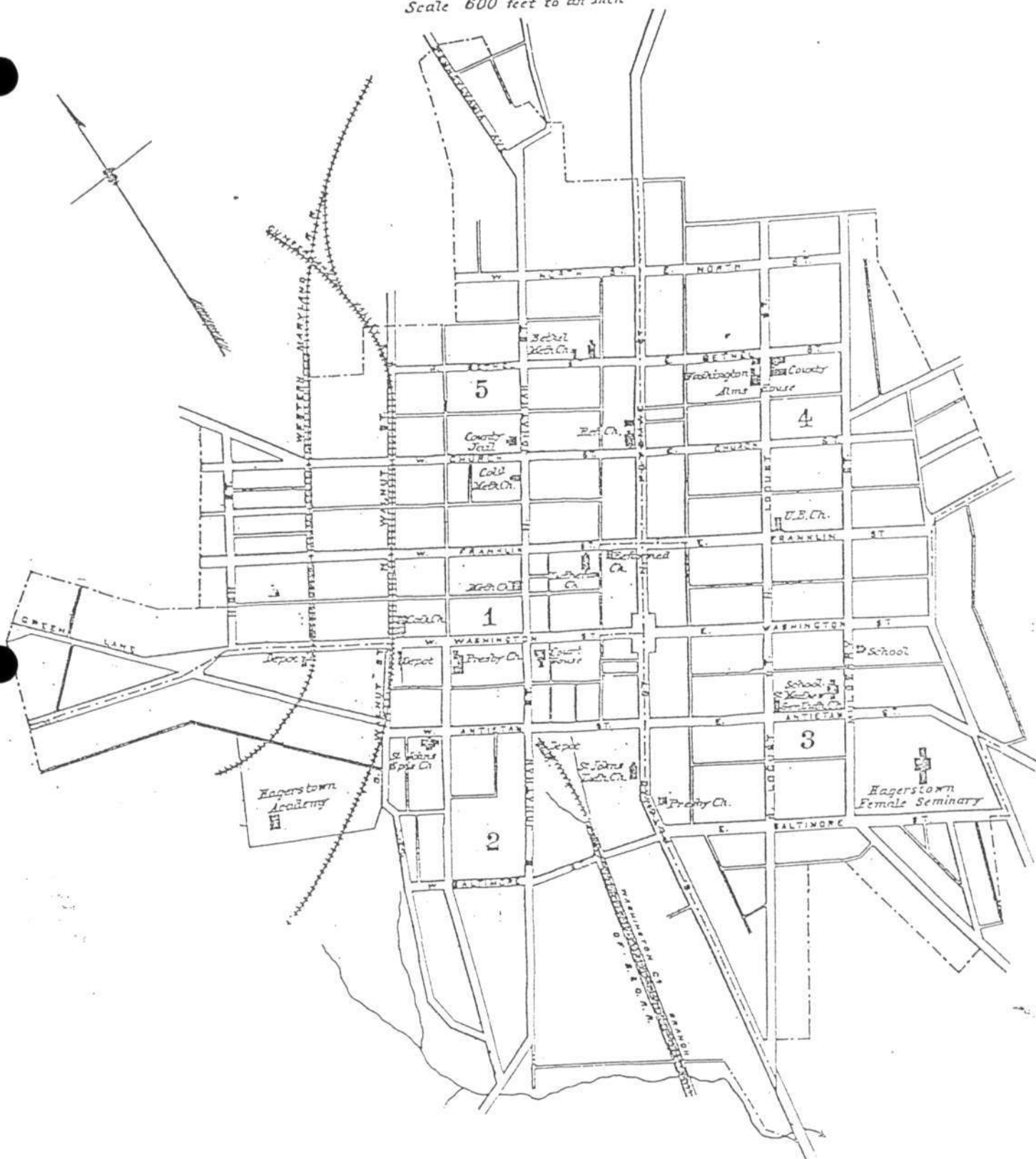


Griffing & Stevenson Lake  
1877 Map of Hagerstown  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Wards

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Western Maryland Railway Complex  
Hagerstown, MD

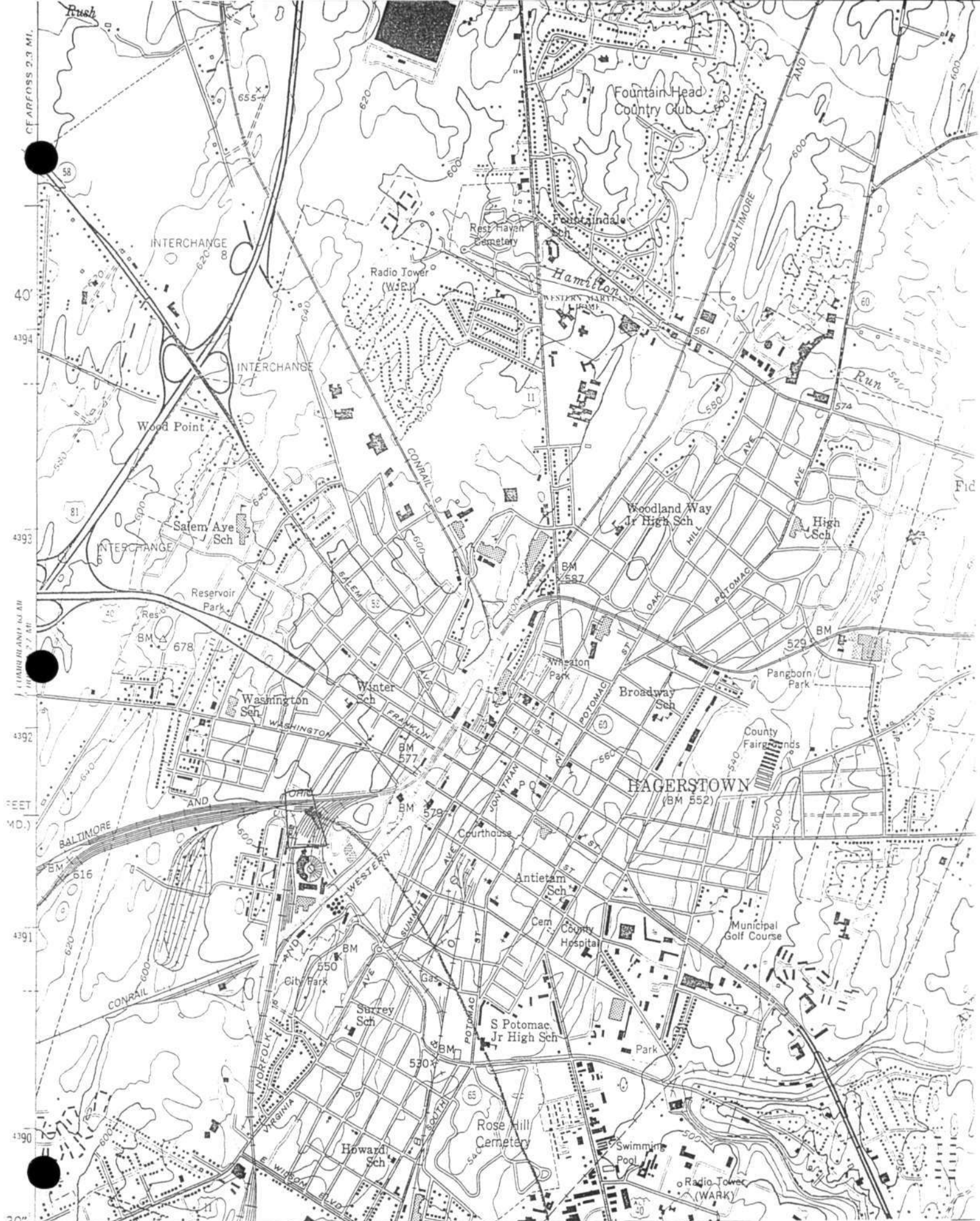
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Scale 600 feet to an Inch



Griffing & Stevenson Lake  
1877 Map of Hagerstown

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Western Maryland  
Railway Complex  
Hagerstown, MD



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WILLIAMSPORT 4.3 MI.  
MARTINSBURG, W. VA. 19 MI.  
Mapped by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army  
Edited and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS NOS1044 and USGS

Western Maryland Railway Complex, WA-HAG-172  
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Hagerstown Quad



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Western Maryland Railway Complex

Washington Co., MD

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View - Western Maryland office, equipment  
shed + light tower - camera facing  
southeast

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PULLMAN  
TROOP SLEEPER

SLOW

WATER TOWER  
PULLMAN  
TROOP SLEEPER

PULLMAN

TROOP

SLEEPER



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View - Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum -  
east facade

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View - Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum -  
west & south facades

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Western Maryland Railway Complex  
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View - W.M.R.R. underpass + CSX terminal

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View - CSX Hagerstown Terminal - West  
facade

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View-CSX Hagerstown Terminal - east  
facade

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Western Maryland Railway Complex  
Washington Co., MD

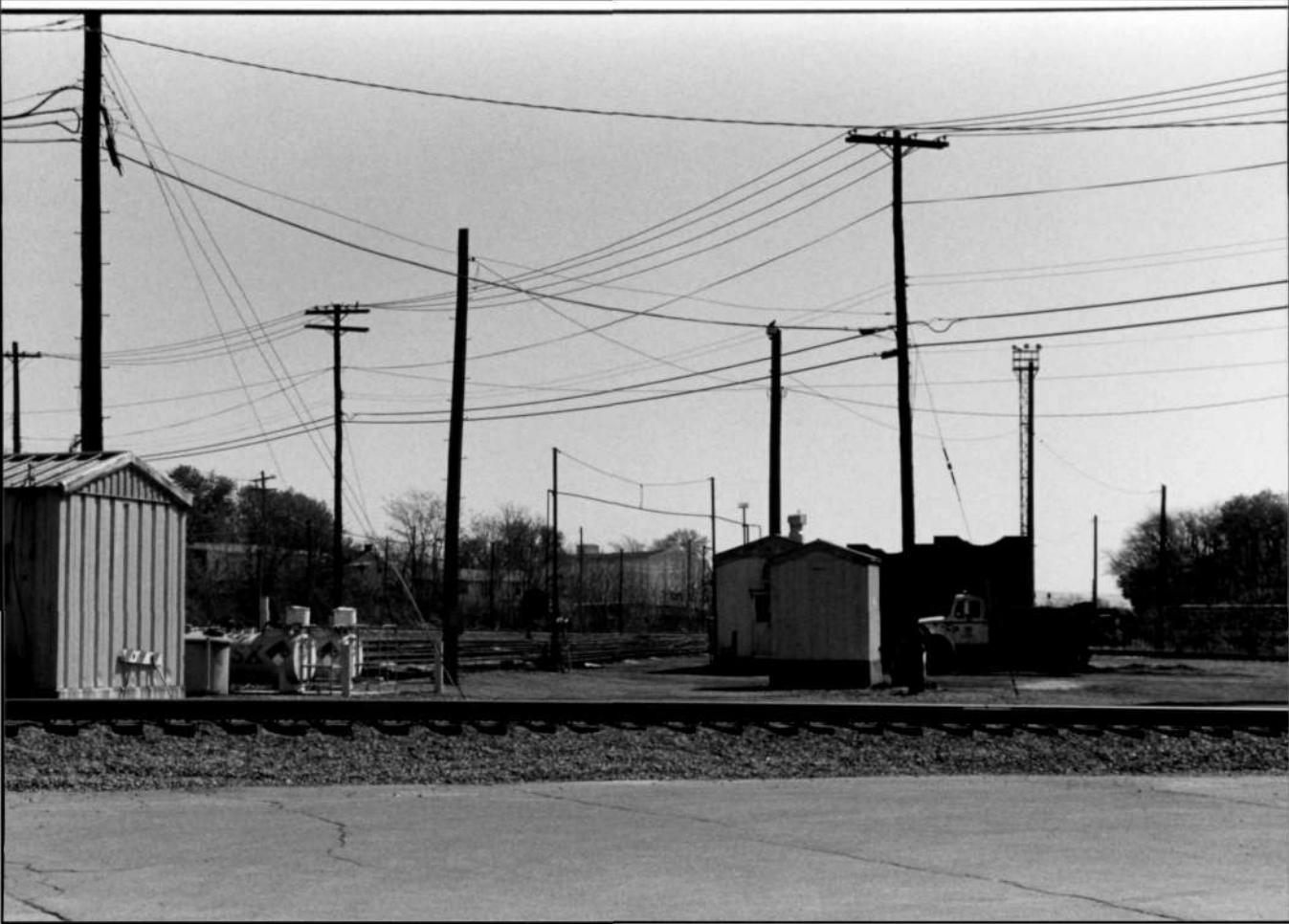
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View - timber framed light tower

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Western Maryland Railway Complex

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View - misc. sheds

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## HAGERSTOWN LANDMARKS RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties # WA-HAG-172

Property Name/Address: Western Maryland Railway complex, Burhans Blvd. vicinity,  
Hagerstown, Maryland

Description/Significance: The railroad industry exerted a profoundly significant effect on the physical, economic, and social development of Hagerstown in the late 19th and early 20th century. The Western Maryland Railway complex represents a high point in the development of the industry. The approximately 47-acre site comprises an extensive complex of brick and steel structures constructed between 1884 and 1940. The complex comprises five principal contributing resources, including a 25-stall steam locomotive roundhouse, transfer table, two large erecting and repair structures, and an office building; in addition, a variety of subsidiary structures are located on the property. The great majority of the structures were in place before 1926. The roundhouse, whose initial construction took place before 1904, is considered the oldest and largest example of its type in the eastern United States.

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Modern period, 1930-present

III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Transportation

IV. Resource Type

Category: District

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

TRANSPORTATION/rail-related

Known Design Source: Unknown

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June 30, 1992

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Property Name/Address: Western Maryland Railway complex, Burhans Blvd. vicinity,  
Hagerstown, Maryland

Description/Significance: The railroad industry exerted a profoundly significant effect on the physical, economic, and social development of Hagerstown in the late 19th and early 20th century. The Western Maryland Railway complex represents a high point in the development of the industry. The approximately 47-acre site comprises an extensive complex of brick and steel structures constructed between 1884 and 1940. These include a 25-stall steam locomotive roundhouse, transfer table, two erecting buildings, a boiler room and office building, and a blacksmith shop; in addition, numerous smaller-scale related structures are located on the property.

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
  - Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
  - Modern period, 1930-present
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):
  - Transportation
- IV. Resource Type
  - Category: District
  - Historic Environment: Urban
  - Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
    - TRANSPORTATION/rail-related
  - Known Design Source: Unknown

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WA-HAG-172

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Western Maryland Railway complex

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number east of Burhans Blvd. n/a not for publication

city, town Hagerstown \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district \_\_\_\_\_

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county Washington \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse liber

street & number 95 West Washington Street folio

city, town Hagerstown \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title n/a

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local \_\_\_\_\_

depository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

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Condition  
☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

Check one  
☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

Check one  
☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 5

Located east of Burhans Boulevard in the western portion of Hagerstown, the Western Maryland Railway maintenance yards occupy an approximately 47-acre site and comprise an extensive complex of brick and steel structures constructed between 1884 and 1940. The complex comprises five principal contributing resources, including a 25-stall steam locomotive roundhouse, transfer table, two large erecting and repair structures, and an office building; in addition, a variety of subsidiary structures are located on the property.

The focus of the complex is a 25-stall steam locomotive roundhouse with a 165-degree arc and a 220' radius, whose initial construction took place prior to 1904. Located to the south of the roundhouse are a machine and erecting shop, built in 1907, a transfer table begun prior to 1910, and a repair shop constructed in 1913. Both of the shop buildings were considerably expanded before 1926. A brick office building was also constructed opposite the roundhouse before 1910.

Additional descriptive information and analysis of the evolution of the complex are provided in Section 8.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1884-ca. 1940 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Western Maryland Railway maintenance complex is significant under criterion A for its association with the railroad industry in Hagerstown; this industry exerted a profound effect on the physical, economic, and social development of the city in the late 19th and early 20th century, and the Western Maryland Railway complex represents a high point in its development. The approximately 47-acre site, developed over the period between 1884 and about 1940, comprises an extensive complex of brick and steel structures. These include a ca. 1904 25-stall steam locomotive roundhouse, and numerous related structures, the great majority of which were in place before 1926. The complex derives additional significance under criterion C for the roundhouse, considered the oldest and largest example of its type in the eastern United States.<sup>1</sup>

The Western Maryland Railway yards were established in 1884, with the construction of a two-bay brick locomotive house.<sup>2</sup> At that time, Elizabeth Street terminated at the railroad tracks, and the engine shed was located on the opposite side of the tracks, at the foot of the street. This became the hub of a small complex which included company offices, a sand house, and two small outbuildings by the end of the 19th century.<sup>3</sup> Other evidence of the company's presence in Hagerstown included a passenger station which had been opened on North Potomac Street, northeast of Fairground Avenue, by 1892.

Inspired by the city's central location, the company began an extensive development of repair facilities in Hagerstown around the turn of the century. By 1904, a large semicircular brick structure had been completed east of the early locomotive house; served by a turntable, this one-story, 165-degree structure had a 220' radius, and comprised a nine-stall roundhouse, a five-bay mechanical shop, and a blacksmith shop. The new facilities also included a 1½-story frame building housing offices, a storehouse, and an oil room, as well as two separate one-story outbuildings and a small engine shed.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WA-HAG-172

See Notes, Section 8, Page 4

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property ~~approx.~~ 47 acres

Quadrangle name Hagerstown, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

B 

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Zone Easting Northing

C 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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state MD 21212

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The company officially relocated its Maryland division shops to Hagerstown in 1906, when the Superintendent's office was moved to the city from Baltimore. The major elements of the complex date from the first quarter of the twentieth century, reflecting a period of accelerated development of the Western Maryland Railway in the region. A large one-story machine and erecting shop had been added south of the roundhouse in 1907; it is shown on the 1910 Sanborn Map as fourteen bays wide, constructed of brick with pilastered walls and an iron-trussed roof. A transfer table pit was located north of the shop; a two-story brick office building stood to the northeast of the transfer table. A separate blacksmith shop, and several small buildings including a foundry and carpenter shop had been built to the south of the machine and erecting shop. The roundhouse reportedly achieved its full, 25-bay capacity by 1909.<sup>4</sup>

Development of the yards during this period stimulated growth of the surrounding neighborhood. Before 1910, Elizabeth Street was extended across the railroad tracks and renamed Elizabeth Avenue.

Expansion of service westward to Cumberland and the Pittsburgh area resulted in a comprehensive upgrading of Western Maryland Railway facilities which the company called the "1912 Improvement Program." The 1913 Classical-influenced station on Burhans Boulevard is one product of this program in Hagerstown. The repair and construction facilities were further expanded as well. In 1913, a large 10-bay repair shop was added off the south end of the roundhouse, north of the transfer table. By the date of preparation of the 1918 edition of the Sanborn Map, several of the buildings south of the blacksmith shop had been replaced; a larger pipe shop was built on the site of the former foundry, and new woodworking and electric shops were in place at the southern extreme of the property. A machine shop was located northeast of the office building.

By 1926, both the 1907 (south) and the 1913 (north) shops had been expanded in width, and both now served erecting functions. A sandblasting and paint shop had been constructed of brick against the east end of the south shop, and a mallet erecting and cab shop had been added to the west end of the north shop. A clerestory had been added to the roundhouse, and machine shops and a fan and pump house had been constructed against its northwestern circumference. A coaling station had been added to the north portion of the complex, and several one-story frame outbuildings served various storage and office functions. A two-story addition to the office building, of fireproof reinforced concrete and brick construction, was made in 1924 to accommodate stock rooms, replacing an open storage shed and platform.

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The complex had essentially achieved its full extent by the 1920s, at which point the Western Maryland Railway was becoming the largest employer in Hagerstown. The most significant changes between 1926 and the last revision of the Sanborn Map forty years later were the removal of the coaling station and the addition of a series of fuel oil tanks, reflecting changes in engine technology from coal-fired to diesel. In 1940 a new 115'-diameter turntable was installed, and the facility was dedicated solely to the maintenance of steam engines.

In the World War II era, the Fairchild Aircraft plant superseded the Western Maryland Railway as Hagerstown's largest employer.

Following the acquisition of the Western Maryland line by the Chessie System in the 1970s, the Hagerstown shops were closed, and maintenance was concentrated at the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's facility in Cumberland.

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Notes:

1. Memorandum, Susan C. Salvatore to Stephen M. Feller, October 13, 1989. This memo contains a chronological outline of operations at the complex, which was especially useful in preparing the present report.

2. A ca. 1886 photograph of this structure is in the collection of the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis (Acc. No. SC 1477-5982).

3. The following discussion of the development of the Western Maryland Railway complex is derived from Sanborn Maps of Hagerstown, available at the Library of Congress or on microfilm at the Maryland State Archives; see Sanborn Map Company, Fire Insurance Maps of Hagerstown, Maryland. New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1892, 1897, 1904, 1910, 1918, 1926.

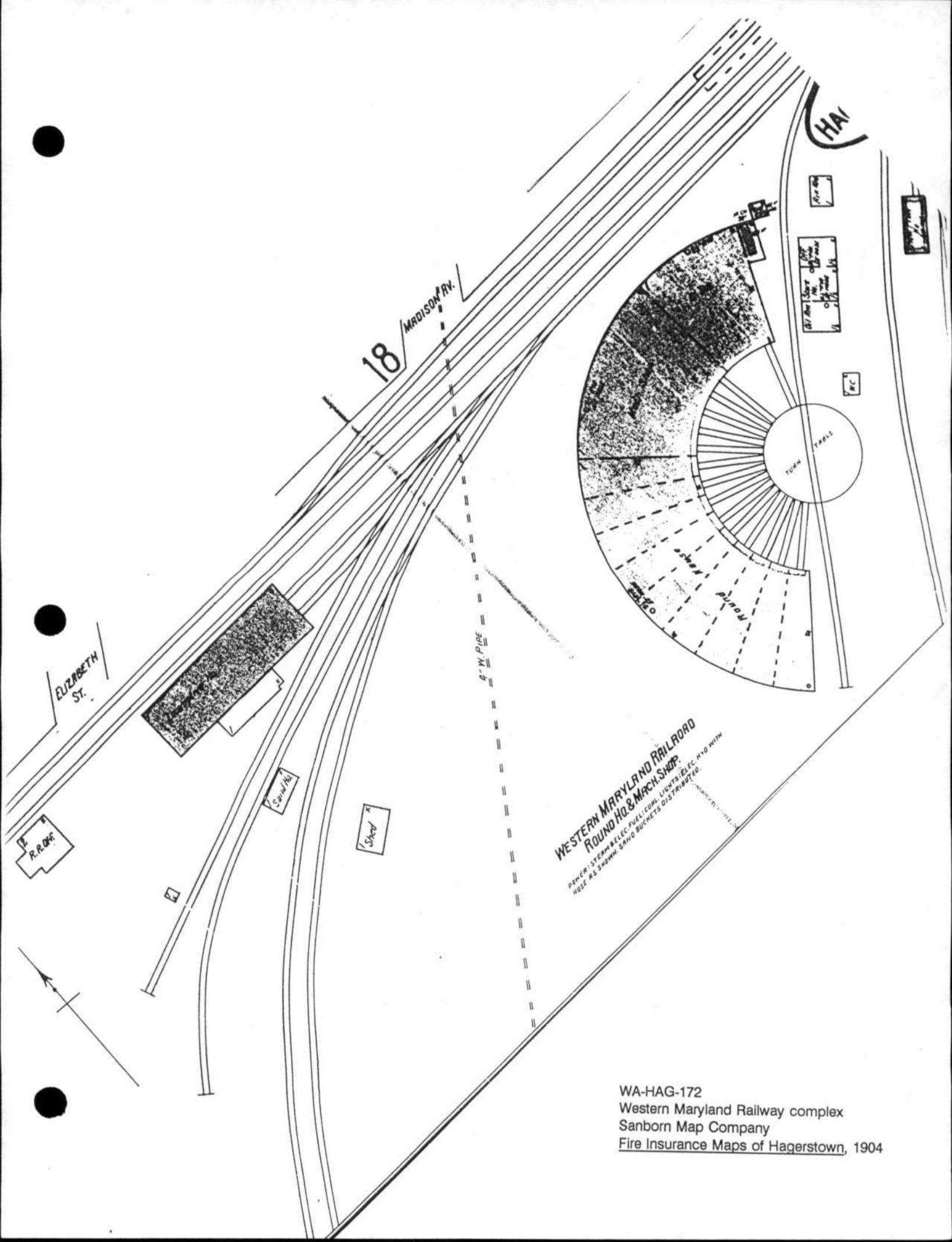
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WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD  
ROUND HO. & MACH. SHOP.  
POWER: STEAM/ELEC. FUEL: COAL. LIGHTS: ELEC. H2O WITH  
HOSE AS SHOWN. SAND BUCKETS DISTRIBUTED.

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**WESTERN MARYLAND R.R.  
ROUND HO. & REPAIR SHOP**

POWER - STEAM & ELECTRIC - HOOT. STEAM - LIGHTS  
ELECTRIC - FUEL - COAL - CITY WATER - HYDS. &  
12" HOSE IN ROUND HO. & STORE RM -  
CHEMICAL EXTSRS. DISTRIED -

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FREIGHT CAR REPAIR SHOP  
EARTH FLOOR  
STORE RM. T. OFF. 1

ENGINE REPAIRING  
(WOOD WORK)

ROUND HO.  
(3 STALLS)

TURN TABLE

BL. SM.  
EARTH FLOOR

B. & O. CONNECTION

STEEL IRON PLATFORM

STORE RM.  
12' x 10' x 12'

1' x 1' x 1'

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LUMBER

CONCRETE TRACK

W. M. R. R.

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JULY 1910  
**HAGERSTOWN**  
 MD.

STORAGE  
 SHED

OFFICES

REPAIR TRACKS

TRANSFER TABLE PIT

MACHINE & ERECTING SHOP

IRON ROOF TRUSS

WALLS PILASTERED 24' x 32' - 20' CENTERS

**WESTERN MARYLAND R. R. REPAIR SHOPS**

ENG. &  
 DYNAMO  
 ROOM  
 I.E.P.

BLACK SMITH

EARTH FLOOR

FOUNDRY

W.C.

CARW  
 SHOP

STORE RM

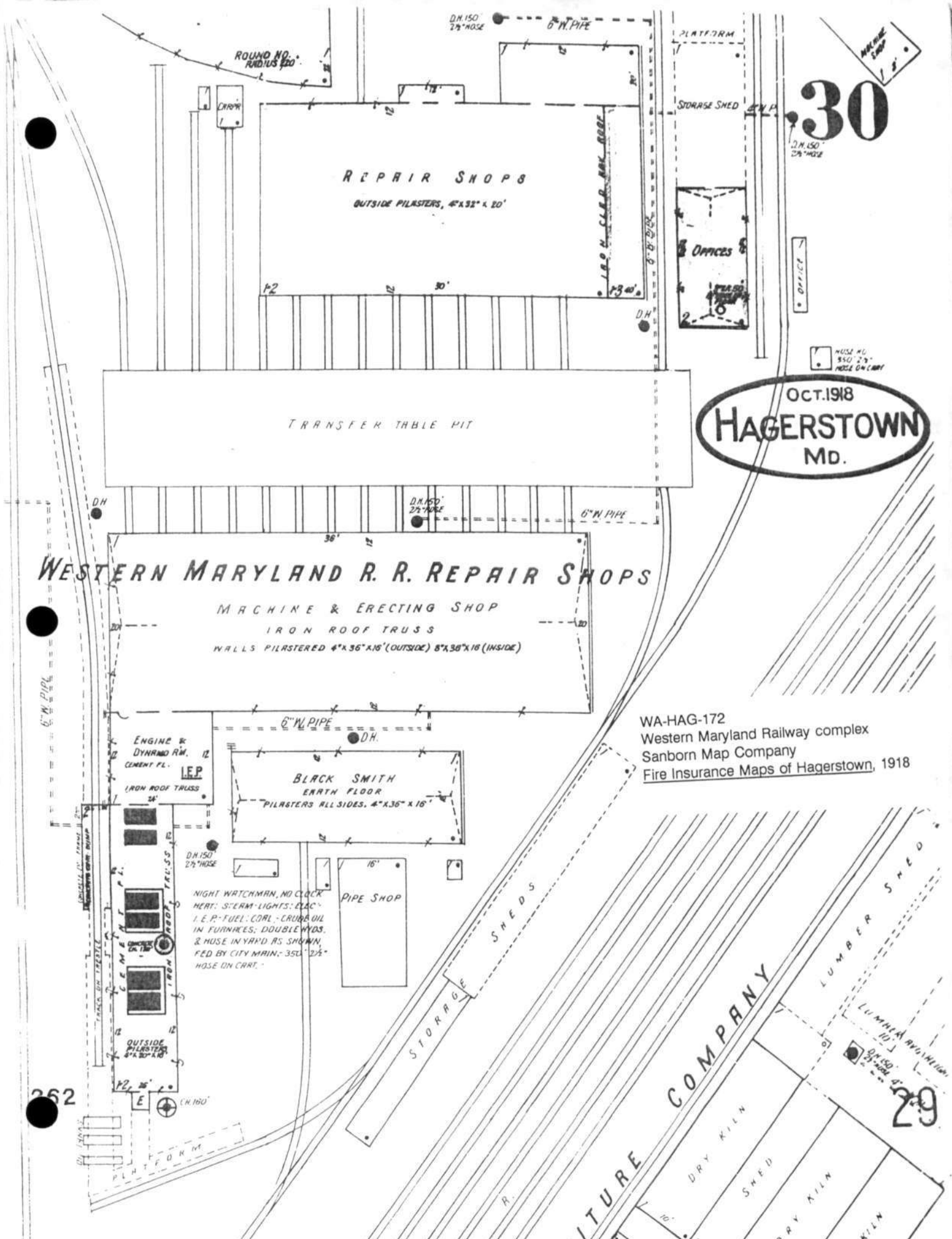
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NIGHT WATCHMAN - NO CLOCK HEAT STEAM-  
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 FURNACES - 3 DOUBLE HYDRANTS IN YARD HS  
 SHOWN FED BY 6" CITY MAIN 350' 21" HOSE ON CART

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WESTERN MARYLAND RY.

WESTERN MARITIME  
NIGHT WATERMAN. ADD. CROWN MOUNTING UNIT  
RIGID NIGHT & DAY. HET. STERN. 1000 LBS. LUM.  
OIL POWER & LIGHTS. ELEC. FILL. FUEL. 1000 LBS.  
EDISON CO. 2 STERN. DIVEN. DEAN. 1000 LBS. 1000 LBS.  
1000 LBS. 1000 LBS. 1000 LBS. 1000 LBS. 1000 LBS.  
TON. PUMP. IN POWER. 1000 LBS. 1000 LBS. 1000 LBS.  
HOSE. AS SHOWN. ADD. 1000 LBS. 1000 LBS. 1000 LBS.  
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM. FIRE BRIGADE. 1000 LBS. 1000 LBS.  
A DAY. DUTY. 2. DRILLED. 1000 LBS. 1000 LBS.

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DRY  
KILNS

H.E. BESTER QUARRY WORKS  
CONCRETE BLOCK MAKING  
NIGHT WATCHMAN DURING WINTER. NO CLOCK  
POWER. STORM. LIGHTS. ELEC.

STONE QUARRY

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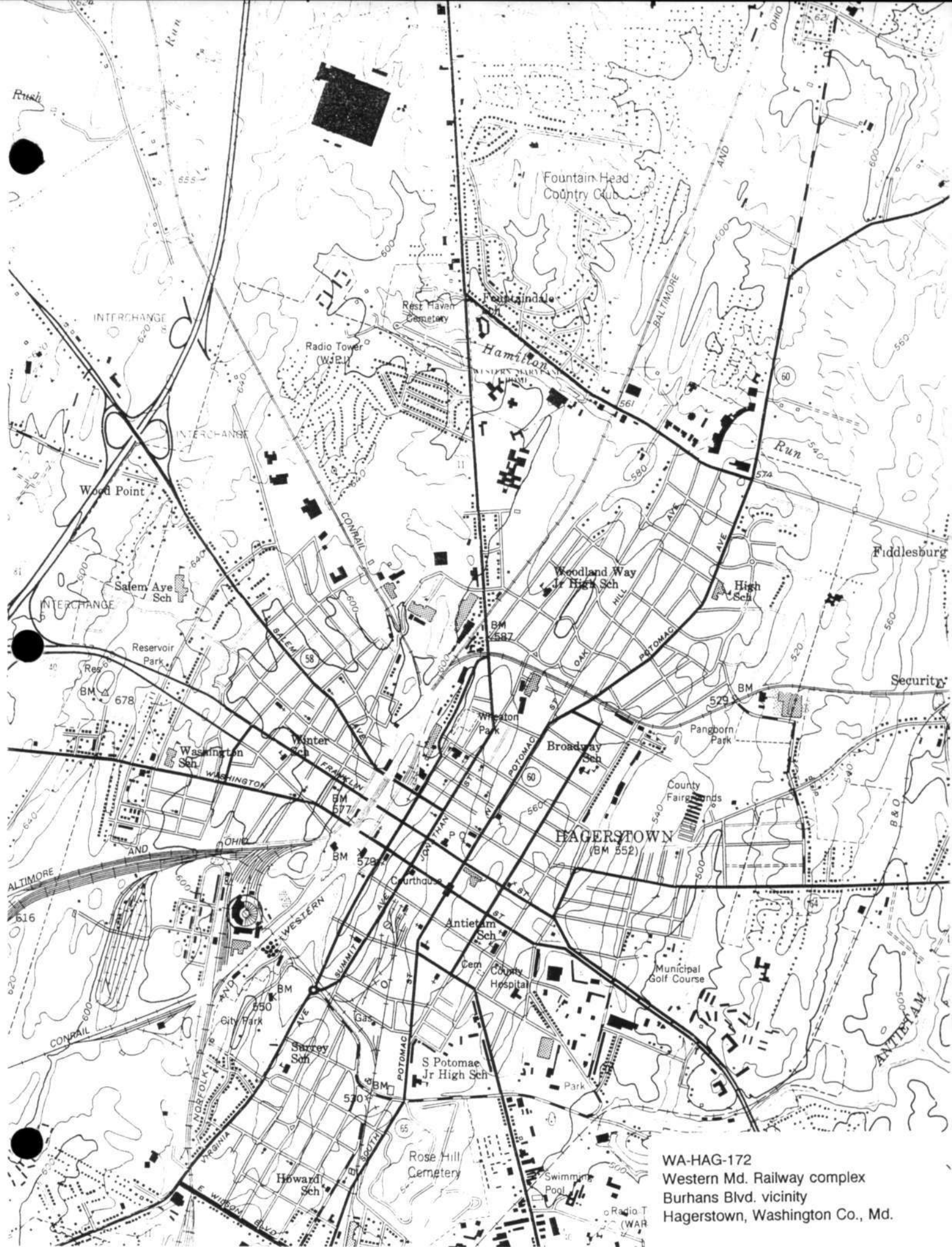
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ENGINE TERMINAL & SHOPS  
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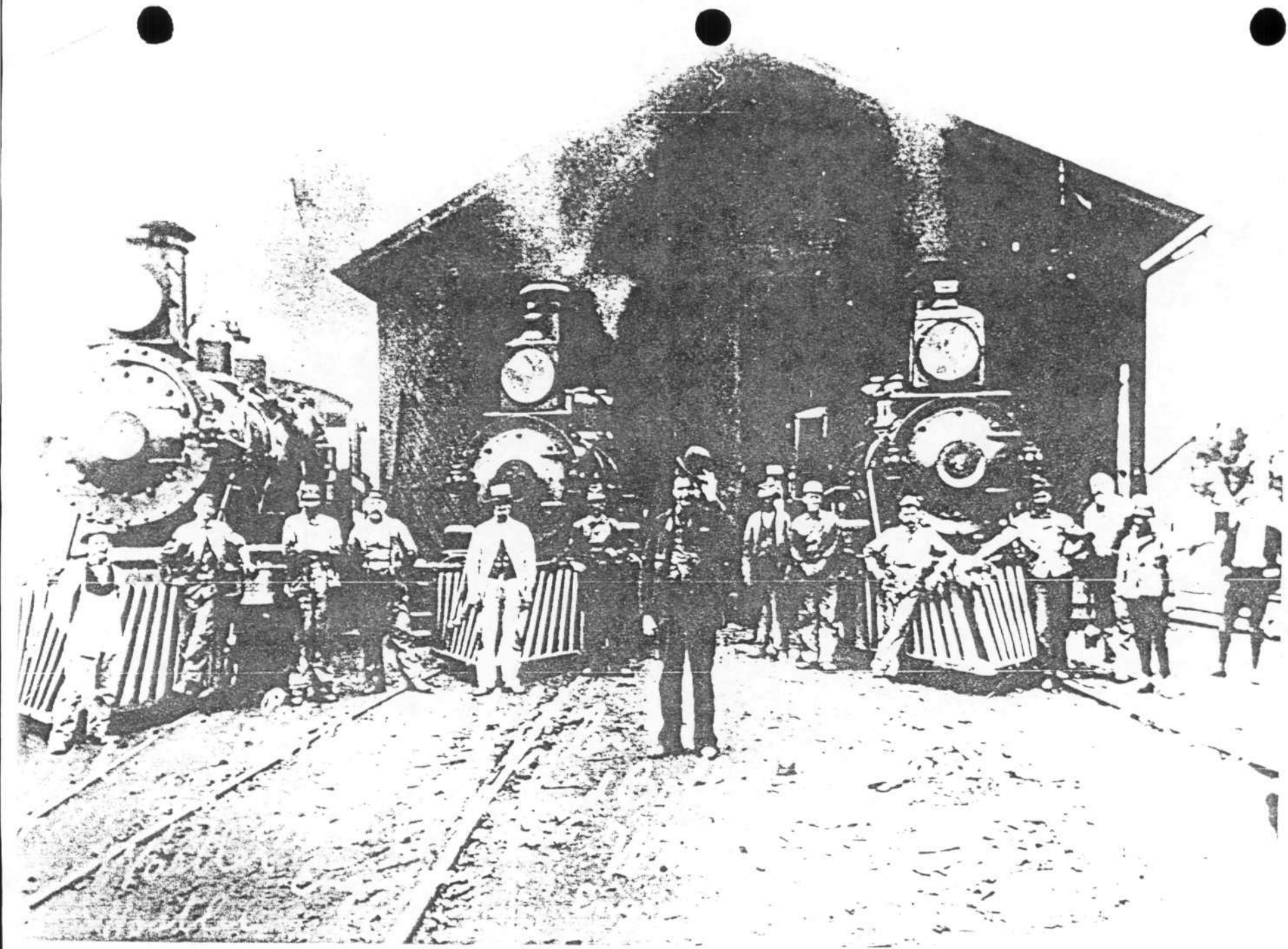
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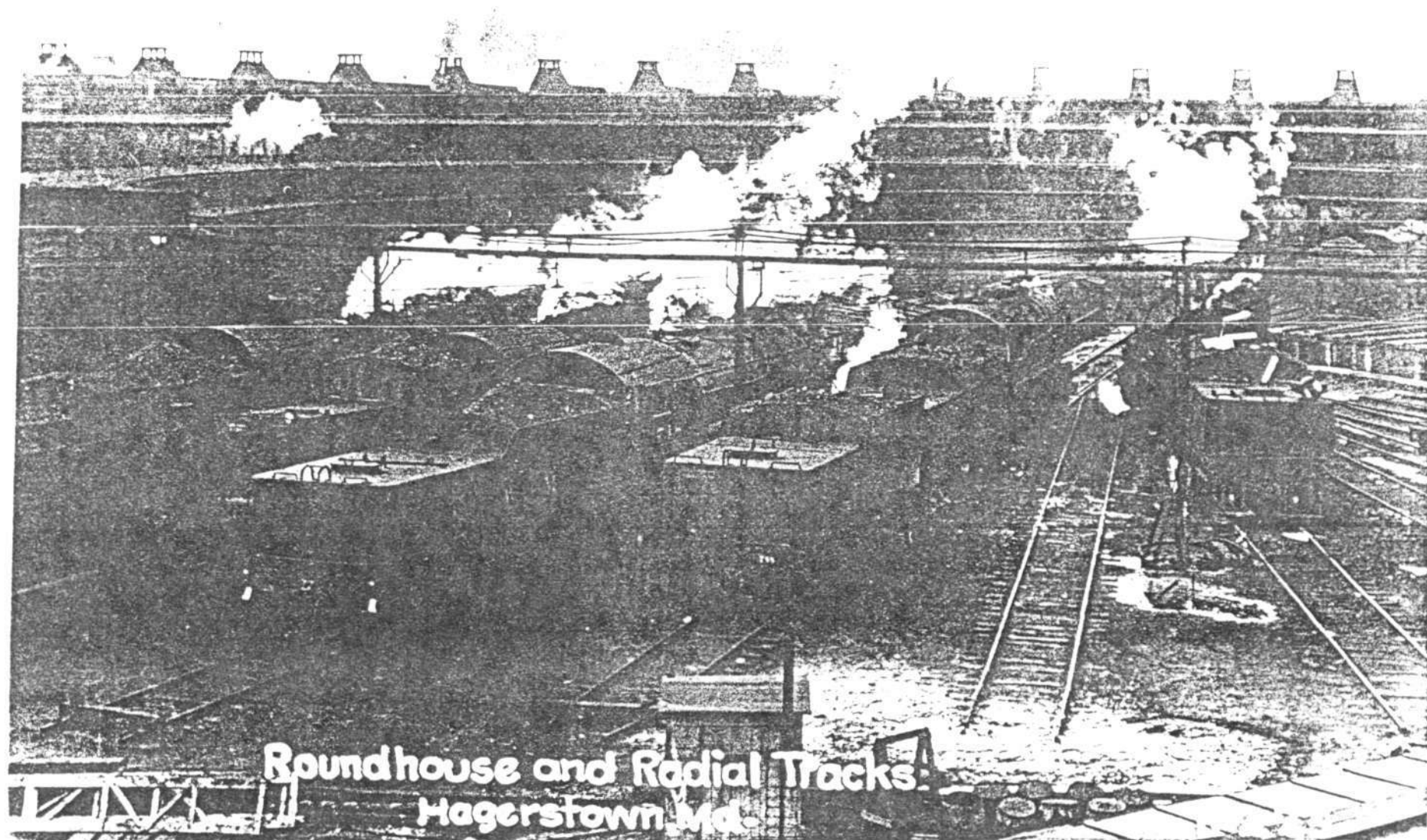




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Locomotive house, ca. 1886  
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Roundhouse and Radial Tracks, 1923  
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WESTERN MD RAILWAY COMPLEX

HAGERSTOWN MD

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ROUNDHOUSE, VIEW FROM NORTHEAST





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HAGERSTOWN, WASHINGTON CO., MD.

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NEG AT MHT

AERIAL VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST